

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 245  
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A RESOLUTION to commend William "Bill" Clinton Holt, III for his honorable and astute service to the people of Tennessee as Chief Deputy for the Robertson County Sheriff.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those estimable public servants who have dedicated themselves to improving the quality of life for their fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, William "Bill" Holt, III is one such estimable citizen who evinces the greatest integrity and probity in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, throughout his exemplary tenure as Chief Deputy for the Robertson County Sheriff and in his other law enforcement positions, Chief Deputy Bill Holt has distinguished himself as a public-spirited citizen of the highest order and as an exceptional asset to his community; and

WHEREAS, a native of Middle Tennessee and a graduate of Clarksville High School, this brave and dedicated man's law enforcement career began with the United States Air Force, which he served as an Air Policeman; and

WHEREAS, after his honorable and astute military service, Bill Holt became a Tennessee State Trooper with the Department of Safety, where he earned the name "Mighty Mouse" and a reputation as being honest and upright with the fine people of Robertson County; and

WHEREAS, this remarkable man has attended the FBI National Academy in Quantico, Virginia, along with numerous law enforcement schools and seminars. He earned a degree in Criminal Justice from Middle Tennessee State University, and from 1972 to 1978, Mr. Holt served as a Special Agent and Criminal Investigator for the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation (TBI); and

WHEREAS, he continued his meritorious service with the TBI and was eventually promoted to Special Agent in charge of the Middle Tennessee Special Investigation Unit of the TBI; he then served as Deputy Director of the TBI from 1990 to 1993; and

WHEREAS, Chief Holt continued his exceptional service to the people of Robertson County when he accepted the role of Assistant Director of the Drug Task Force for the Robertson County Sheriff; he served astutely in this role until he was promoted to Chief Deputy for the Robertson County Sheriff in 2001; and

WHEREAS, he is renowned for his selfless leadership and service to his community, as evidenced by his professional association with the FBI National Academy Associates, the Fraternal Order of Police, the Robertson County Lodge No. 29, the Tennessee Sheriff's Association, the National Sheriff's Association, and the New Chapel Men's Club; and

WHEREAS, he serves with distinction as President of the Robertson County Coalition, as a board member for the United Way, and as Treasurer of the Robertson County-Springfield Food Bank; and

WHEREAS, while serving as a board member for the Springfield-Robertson County Chamber of Commerce, Bill Holt made the superb suggestion of keeping the patriotic banners raised along the streets of Springfield in place until U.S. soldiers have returned home; and

WHEREAS, this exceptional gentleman is always willing to lend a helping hand and is constantly the first person to assist at any event or with any opportunity or need occurring within Robertson County; his love of people is evident in his positive attitude and caring ways; and

WHEREAS, Chief Deputy Bill Holt is a member of First Baptist Church of Greenbrier, Tennessee, which he has served faithfully for many years; and

WHEREAS, Chief Deputy Bill Holt's remarkable success as a public servant and civic leader is directly attributable to his reliance on the time-honored values of hard work and common sense and his uncommon ability to work well with people from all walks of life; and

WHEREAS, Chief Bill Holt is a an extremely giving person who often reaches out with compassion to people whom life has treated unkindly, and he epitomizes the ideal of the consummate professional, dedicated public servant, and reliable friend and neighbor; and

WHEREAS, his many accomplishments aside, Bill Holt is fortunate to share both love and companionship with his wife, the former Wanda Alley, and his son and daughter-in-law

Brandt and Nancy. He is the proud grandfather of beloved granddaughter Avery, because of whom he is a faithful member of the Granddaddy's Babysitters Club; and

WHEREAS, Chief Deputy Bill Holt is wholly committed to the noble precepts of public service that have earned Tennessee recognition as the "Volunteer State," and he should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby commend William "Bill" Clinton Holt, III for his honorable and astute service to the good people of Tennessee as Chief Deputy for the Robertson County Sheriff and for his meritorious career in law enforcement and salute his unswerving commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we congratulate Mr. Holt on his selection as the Springfield-Robertson County Chamber of Commerce's Volunteer of the Year.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.